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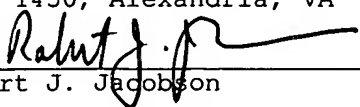
**Preliminary Amendment--Introduction**

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the  
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